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Near Basin

NO JOB too big or too little for me. When in need of plumbing, wiring, Washing Machine repair, you can call H. A. Y. & Hardware Co., Phone TW 7-2824, for Cecil Parker, no home phone. 2-18

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CARD OF THANKS
Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended sympathy and helped in the recent illness and death of our dear father, for the food, floral offerings and other kindness. We are deeply grateful. May God bless each one of you.

MRS. R. B. SMART and Family.

CARD OF THANKS
The Noah Boutwell family wish to take this means of expressing our thanks for the many kind words of sympathy and the wonderful dishes brought to the funeral home.

Flowers given during the short illness and death of our much beloved husband and father, May God's richest blessing be with each and every one of you.

THE NOAH BOUTWELL FAMILY

CARD OF THANKS
Our heartfelt thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy, beautiful floral offerings and food during the loss of our wife, mother and grandmother, May God bless each of you.

LAWSON SPURLIN and Family.

POLITICAL CANDIDATES
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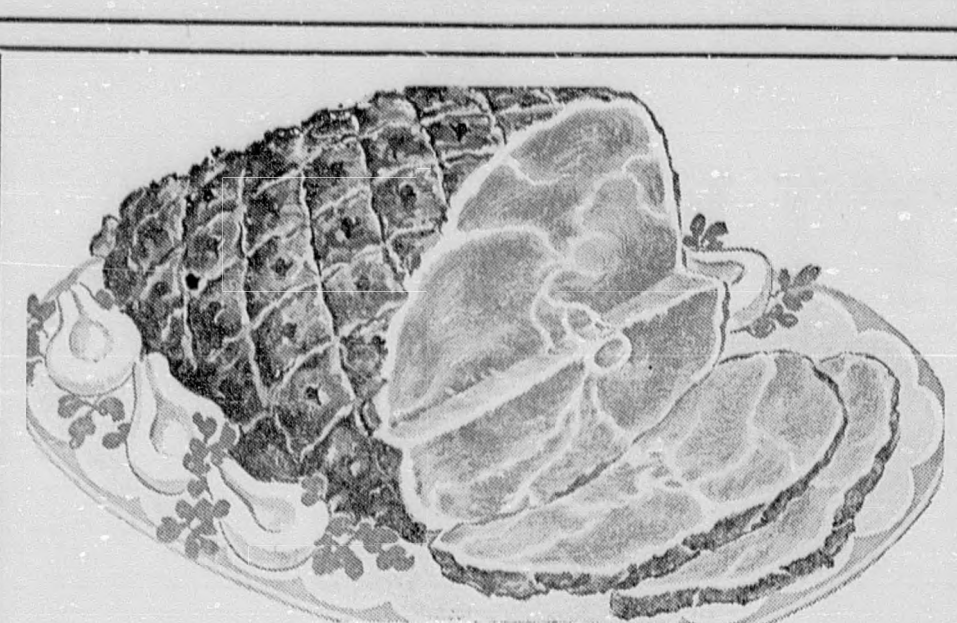
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ABOARD DESTROYER
Parker Sexton, fire control technician, third class, USN, son of Mrs. Perry Tucker of Rt. 1, Jack, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Adak operating with the U. S. Fleet in the Mediterranean.

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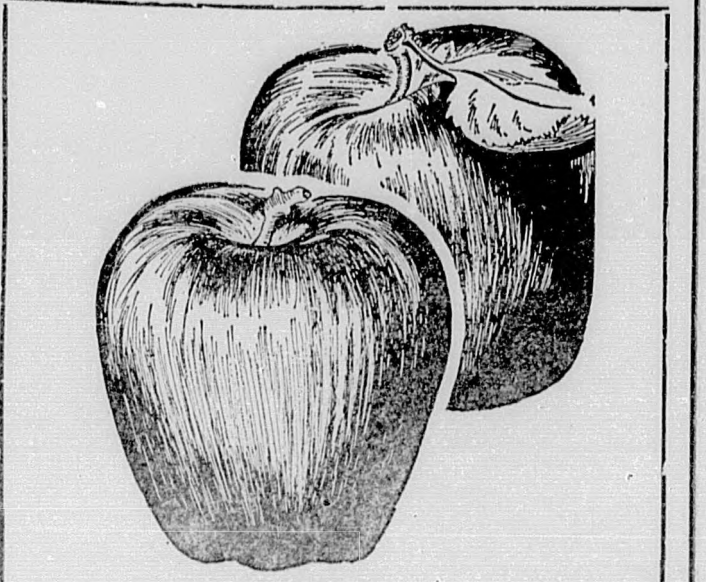
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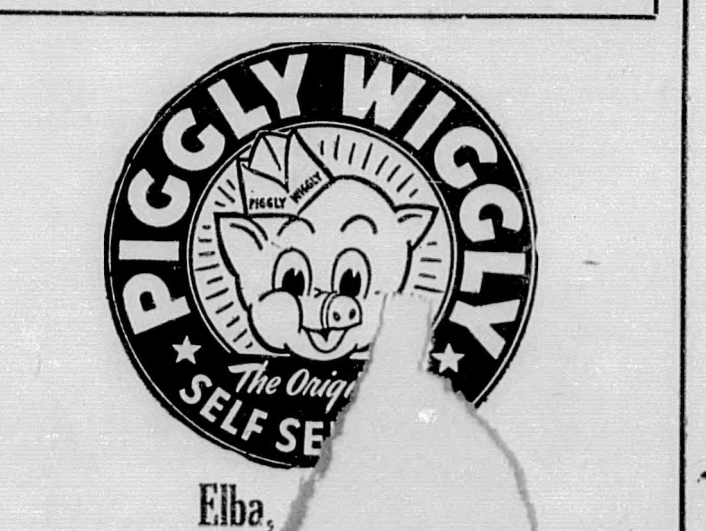
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4 POUND BAG—
SMALL, GREEN HEAD CABBAGE Pound 5¢
HOME GROWN SWEET POTATOES 3 Pounds 25¢



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Red Cross Month Is Planned Here

AUTO CRASH COURT SUITS DISPOSED OF
A number of damage suits resulting from automobile accidents were disposed of in Circuit Court here last week before Judge B. W. Simmons, president of the West Coffee County Chapter, in charge.

Drexel Cook has been named chairman of the fund campaign to be held later in the month for which complete plans will be announced later. The advance gifts drive was set for the week of Mar. 14 and the general drive for the week of Mar. 21.

Mr. Anderson appointed a Budget Committee composed of Mayor H. E. Taylor, John Brunson and Mrs. Paul Windham to prepare a budget in advance of the beginning of the drive.

With District Tournament only a few short days away, end-of-the-season jitters have struck the Elba Tigers, and their case efforts have become unpredictable.

For example, they whipped Troy, the conference leaders, in Troy last Friday night by a devastating 62 to 48 score.

Three damage suits resulting from an accident on the Canal Bridge, Opp highway, Jan. 5, 1959 were dismissed by Judge Simmons for lack of prosecution. Four Elba boys were killed in the crash.

Suits were brought by the parents of three of the boys against Mrs. Maude N. Marler, administratrix of the estate of Rex T. J. Marler, driver of the car which carried the four boys to their deaths.

O. C. Boswell, Sr., father of Charles Freddy Boswell, 18, and his brother, O. C. Boswell, Jr., 16, had asked \$25,000 in damages from the Marler estate.

Then, the Tigers completely reversed field and lost a thriller to the so-so Geneva Panthers in Elba Tuesday night by a 46 to 45 score. The visitors led all the way, but had to save off a last gasp rally by Dan Kline, father of Mason Henry King, 14, had asked \$25,000.

4-H DINNER TO BE HELD HERE TONIGHT
By Thomas C. Casaday

About 65 4-H club leaders, parents and friends of 4-H are expected to attend the "Leaders' Recognition Dinner" today at 7 p.m. at the Elba High school, Carroll Wyatt, president of the County 4-H Club Council, will preside.

Other council officers will be: Vice President Elsie Parker of New Hope; Linda Jones of Mt. Pleasant; Judy Wilson of Curtis; Peggy Davis of Damascus and Donnie Nelson of Curtis.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be the awarding of certificates to leaders who have served in the past.

Quarterback Club Honors '59 Tigers
The Elba Quarterback Club honored the 1959 Elba Tiger football team with a banquet Saturday night in the school lunchroom.

Coch Tom Ford of the University of Alabama and Marilyn Dye, star halfback for the Tide last season, were the principal speakers.

HOME SCHEDULE
The week's schedule of visits by the County Home Demonstration Agent follows: Victoria, Tuesday, Mar. 1, 1:30 p.m., club house, Chestnut Grove, Wednesday, Mar. 2, 1:30 p.m., Mrs. Grady Ziglar, Double Heads, Friday, Mar. 4, 11:30 a.m., Mrs. Rufus Wilson for covered dish luncheon meeting; Perdue, Friday, Mar. 4, 1:30 p.m., Mrs. M. Newsome.

DIXON TO BE ON TV
J. C. Dixon, former principal of Elba High School and minister of the Elba Church of Christ, will appear on "You Bet Your Life," with Groucho Marx, WFSB-TV, Channel 12, Thursday, March 3, friends here have been notified.

ADDS FIRESTONE
English Home and Auto Supply, on the square, in Elba, has added Firestone tires to its store's line of merchandise.

All power and happiness are spiritual, and proceed from goodness. —Mary Baker Eddy

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Heart Sunday To Be Observed Here

Official Poster for 1960 Heart Fund Campaign
A canvass of the homes in Elba will be made next Sunday, Feb. 28, for donations to the Heart Fund with Ben J. Brock chairman.

Mr. Brock called for volunteers to fill the ranks of the 1960 Heart Sunday Army here. "We will need many men and women to make door-to-door calls on all residents in the community," he said.

Volunteers will be divided into groups with each group headed by a captain, and each volunteer will carry an official identification envelope. Residents of Elba may volunteer by registering at the Heart Fund headquarters, Dorsey Trailers, or by phoning TW 7-2241.

"Heart Sunday volunteers need no previous fund-raising experience," Mr. Brock pointed out. "They can be sure of a ready welcome from their neighbors who will be asked to insert their gifts in a special contribution envelope, to seal the flap, and return the envelope to the Heart Sunday collector. The procedure is simple and fast."

"Heart disease is the nation's No. 1 health enemy, taking more lives each year than all other causes combined," Mr. Brock said. "The Heart Fund is the nation's No. 1 defense against this enemy."

COFFEE TOPS HOUSTON WITH AUTO WRECKS
Coffee and Dale counties had the most rural automobile accidents in January in the five-county area which makes up the Dothan post of the Alabama Highway Patrol, according to Floyd H. Mann, director, Department of Public Safety, of Montgomery.

Coffee county had 16 rural road traffic accidents with three personal injuries which was far ahead of the more popular Houston county which had only seven rural traffic accidents with four personal injuries.

Other counties were: Geneva, three; Henry, four; Dale, 11 with six personal injuries and one traffic death.

ELECTION SET TO PROMOTE BEEF SALES
Directors of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association voted unanimously at the regular meeting Tuesday last week, in favor of the Beef Promotion Program which will be submitted to a vote of catlemen next Tuesday night.

Yoting places were established, with managers, as follows: Court House, Enterprise, Charles Mallory; City Hall, New Brockton; H. D. Windham; Court House, Elba, Hayward Taylor; City Hall, Kinston, Charles Mallory; Store, Marion Sanders, Beat 11. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The directors decided to hold a Spring Sale Wednesday, April 6, at the Elba Livestock Market.

OBITUARIES
MRS. ETNA BROOK
Mrs. Etta Brook, 73, of New Brockton, died Sunday, Feb. 21. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Forest Carroll of Montgomery and Mrs. Robert N. Brady of Arlington, Tex.; a son, Oscar Brook, of Enterprise; septuagenary, Mrs. Sadie Goff of Greensboro, three sisters, Mrs. Mattie C. Hall of Montgomery, Mrs. Lena Jordan of Clapley, Fla., Mrs. W. H. Cline of Alexandria, Va.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral was held from the New Brockton First Methodist Church with burial in New Brockton cemetery.

MRS. CORA LEE WILLIS
Mrs. Cora Lee Willis, 60, of Elba, died Sunday, Feb. 21, in an hospital. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Myrtle Jewel Layton of Elba, Mrs. Fairy Lorene Maddox of New Brockton, and Mrs. Evelyn Leone of Nottoway, Va.; sons, Chester and Malcolm Willis, both of Elba, and Jonathan Willis of the U. S. Army, Ft. Benning, Ga.; four sisters, Mrs. Minnie Isler, Mrs. Willie D. Carroll, both of Columbus, Ga.; Mrs. Mary Davis of Elba and Mrs. Annie Belle Smith of Sidney, Fla.; two brothers: Albert Powell of Elba and Wellborn Powell of Pensacola, Fla.

Funeral was held from the First Baptist Church in Elba, with the Rev. Murray L. Seay and the Rev. Wiley Bozeman officiating. Burial was in Evergreen.

William Roy Parrish, 19, of Elba, was driver of a furniture delivery truck which collided with a station wagon driven by Mrs. Martha Ruth Manning, 34, of Smith Ave., on Buford Street Wednesday, Feb. 17, about 11 a.m., according to police. No one was injured. The right front fender of the station wagon was damaged.

Baptist Youths Hold Valentine Banquet
The Annual Valentine Banquet of the Junior Department of the First Baptist Church was held Friday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. The Social Hall of the church was decorated beautifully for the occasion.

Mrs. T. K. Dorsey, Mrs. Bill Bruce, Mrs. Bonneau Rowe, Mrs. Milton Warr and Mrs. Drexel Cook were hostesses. A delicious fried chicken dinner was served by Mrs. Jordan Lindsey. The invocation was given by L. C. Sharpless. After dinner a film was shown. There were 83 present.

BOWDEN ON CRUISE
Hayward P. Bowden, boatswain's mate second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bowden of Route 2, Elba, Ala., and husband of the former Miss Annell Handey of Abbeville, S.C., was serving aboard the dock landing ship USS York County, departed Norfolk, Va., Jan. 11, with ships of Amphibious Squadron Eight for a five-month tour of duty with the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

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4 CANDIDATES ANNOUNCE FOR COUNTY JOBS

Four more candidates entered the Democratic Primary for May 3 during the past week with two new contestants for tax assessor, one for tax collector and one for county commissioner.

Mrs. Laura S. Barker, of the Woodland Grove Community, announced for tax collector. Mrs. Barker has formerly been employed in the circuit clerk's office and has been a tax collector for nine years of clerical work in an insurance office in Elba. She was born in the community," he said.

Coffee county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith. She attended school at Kinston, graduated from Elba High school and attended Troy Business College. She is the wife of C. B. Barker. They have two daughters, Laura Lou, aged 11, and Jewel, aged 8.

Fred L. Davidson of Enterprise announced for tax assessor. He has lived all his life in Coffee county, including more than 30 years in Enterprise, where he owns and operates a cotton gin and warehouse at Damascus, and a farm in the same community. He is a member of the Farm Bureau and the Church of Christ. He is married and has two children, Fred D. Davidson and Mrs. Marianne E. E. Enterprise.

James L. Tindell of the Elba Junior High school, announced for county tax assessor. He is engaged in farming and livestock business as a partner with his father, B. C. Goodman in the Goodman community. He attended Goodman Junior High school, graduated from Coffee County High school, attended Memphis State College in Memphis, Tenn., and served in the U. S. Army Medical Corps. He is a member of the Goodman Baptist church.

D. M. Dyess, who owns and operates a farm and store at Enterprise, announced for county tax assessor. He was born and lived all his life in Coffee County. Mrs. Dyess is the former Mary Nolin. Mr. Dyess is a Baptist and a Mason.

A 6 percent dividend was declared to stockholders of record as of May 1, 1960. The cash dividend will be paid to both preferred and common stockholders.

Nasco Names Head, Declares Dividend
D. M. English, of Elba, was elected president of NASCO at the annual meeting, Feb. 16. Dan Pittman of Enterprise was elected Vice President, and J. W. English of Elba, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Leaders Selected For Census Here
Appointment of crew leaders for the 1960 Census of Population and Housing in this area was announced today by Supervisor James L. Tindell of the Census Bureau's temporary district office in Dothan.

Each crew leader will supervise a crew of 20 enumerators in the big nation-wide census which begins April 1.

The sergeant attended New Brockton High School. His wife, Marguerite, lives in Kinston, Texas.

Baldwin Boy Named Best Future Farmer
Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year for 1960 is Edward Bornholt of Foley.

A farming program that turned a low producing Baldwin County farm into a profitable enterprise, a record of winning FFA contests all the way to national levels, and leadership of the Foley chapter to first place in the State Chapter Contest have earned for the 19 year-old youth the honor of being called the "best" of Alabama's nearly 15,000 FFA'ers.

ALBERTON REVEAL
A revival will start at Abert Baptist Church next Sunday, Feb. 28, and continue through Saturday, Mar. 5, with services daily at 7 p.m. The Rev. Wiley Bozeman, pastor of the Westside Baptist church in Elba, will be guest speaker. Pastor is the Rev. Robert Kelley.

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"Gov. John Patterson breathed new confidence in state government and enhanced his rising statesmanship stature when he stood before a rapt audience at the (Troy) Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner, Patterson, already with many admirers here because of his unusual achievements his first year in office, took on new lustre and made new friends for good government when he appeared here." —The Troy Messenger.

"Gov. John Patterson has entered his second year, we have been impressed with the accomplishments and, as one who was in the 'other corner', add our two-cents worth on a job well done." —The Enterprise Ledger.

"There is no question that Governor Patterson can point with pride to the list of major achievements during his first year." —The Tuscaloosa News.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF J. H. CLARK, DECEASED.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, ELBA DIVISION, IN EQUITY.

Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and instructions of a decree of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, entered on January 21, 1960, the undersigned as administrator of the estate of J. H. Clark, deceased, will proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction in front of the courthouse door at Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, on Monday, February 29, between the legal hours of sale, all that certain real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama and described as follows:

Parcel One: The NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 28, Township 4, Range 19, Coffee County, Alabama, containing forty (40) acres, more or less.

Parcel Two: The S 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 9, of the S 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 8, all in Township 3, Range 19, Coffee County, Alabama, subject to right of way for public road and subject to easement for power line, containing 160 acres, more or less.

This sale will be for cash to the highest bidder, and the property above described will be sold free and clear of any and all mortgage indebtedness and sale will be made subject to the confirmation of the same by the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama.

MRS. LUCILLE S. CLARK, Administratrix of the estate of J. H. Clark, deceased.

(Due to error in description in first publication, sale date is moved to Feb. 29, 1960.)

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ESTATE OF NICK TOLBERT BUNDY, Deceased.

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Margaleen Bundy, Administratrix of said estate.

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For Re-Election

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—ELECT—
**LAURA SMITH
BARKER**
To The Office of
Tax Collector
OF COFFEE COUNTY
—DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MAY 3, 1960—

- Born and reared in Coffee County.
- Live in Woodland Grove Community of Beat 21.
- Daughter of Jessie and Mollie Smith.
- 9 Years of Clerical Work.
- Married to C. B. Barker and have two daughters, 8 and 11.
- Member of Woodland Grove Baptist Church.
- High School and Business School Graduate.
- Worked in Circuit Clerk's and Tax Collector's Office

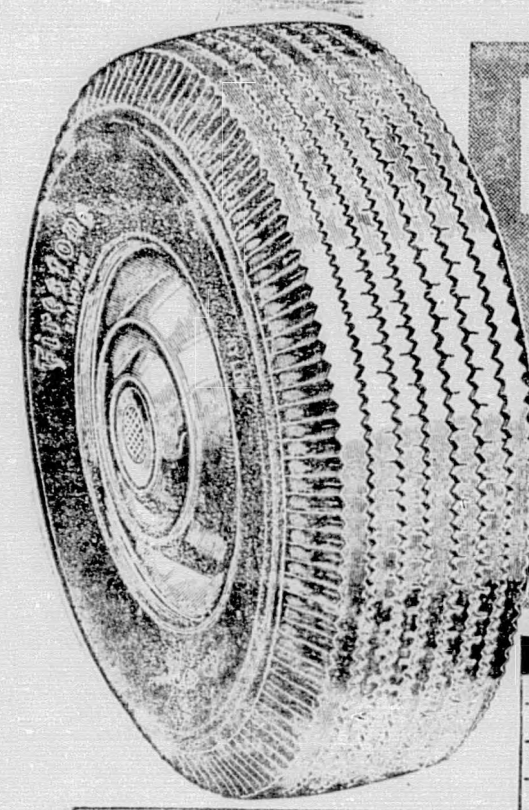
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Elba Music Lovers Club Has Barbecue Period Theme

The Elba Music Lovers Club Thursday, February 18, held its sixth meeting of the club year at the home of Mrs. E. M. Warr with Mrs. Robert Hall as co-hostess. The Warr home was artistically decorated with carefully spring flower arrangements.

Mrs. J. D. Whitman, president, asked the members to order and asked the club to stand and recite the club Collect.

After a brief business session, reports and roll call, the members enjoyed a program of period compositions from the Baroque (17th Century). Mrs. Whitman read a paper reviewing this period, its music and two of its greatest composers: Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frederick Handel.

Mrs. Robert Hall played two piano solos: "Largo" from the opera "Xerxes", by Handel, and "Prelude No. 1", from "Well-Tempered Clavier", by Bach.

Mrs. Edwin Cooper, soprano, accompanied by Mrs. Stanley Prior, sang "My Heart Ever Faithful", from the "Pineapple Cantata" by Bach.

Mrs. R. A. Sewell was guest of the club.

The hostesses served a delicious dessert plate with coffee, following the program.

Those present were: Mrs. W. C. Brazwell, Mrs. Ben Brock, Mrs. Fox Brunson, Miss Mable Brunson, Mrs. S. J. Casey, Mrs. Edwin Cooper, Mrs. George Collier, Mrs. Claude Fleming, Mrs. George Ford, Mrs. Neal Hutto, Mrs. Thorne Lane, Mrs. Stanley Prior, Mrs. Price Ringer, Mrs. Rose Smith, Mrs. Jack Vaughan and Mrs. J. D. Whitman, and the hostesses.

A new member, Mrs. Clarke Williams was welcomed into the club.

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BY MRS. ROBERT CANNON

Hair-styles Come Full Circle

Sister Mary Celestia Frey, M.D.	She and her famous scientist	the year.
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Day	Book	Chapter	Verse
Sunday	Isaiah	28	26-29
Monday	Isaiah	28	1-25
Tuesday	Isaiah	6	1-13
Wednesday	Matthew	6	19-21
Thursday	Matthew	6	22-34
Friday	Psalm	42	1-5
Saturday	Psalm	42	1-5



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 Bay Company?"
 "Just about coming up the pass
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 bang is coming up the river, and
 then, old Frederic up there, and
 the 'Rocky Mountain.'"
 "What things out of the
 sky, the scolding wind?"
 "The water under Mordecai
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 terrible wind. An instant later
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600	65.97	FLTA 20 Yrs.
350	80.56	Conv. 20 Yrs.
1250	75.83	Conv. 20 Yrs.
1350	64.10	FLTA 20 Yrs.
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GROUND BEEF		Lb.	49c		
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BACON	3 Lbs.	\$1.00	Lb.	39c	
With 150 percent mor meat			Kelley's Pure Pork		
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			POTATOES	10 Lbs	49c

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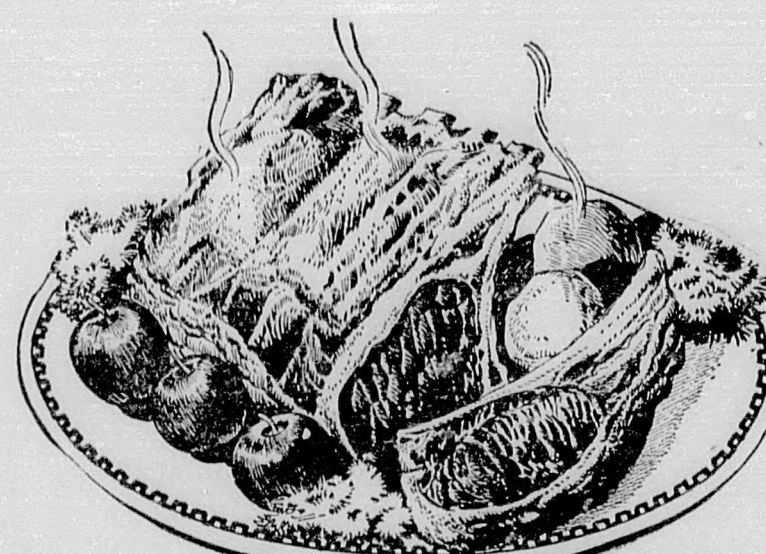
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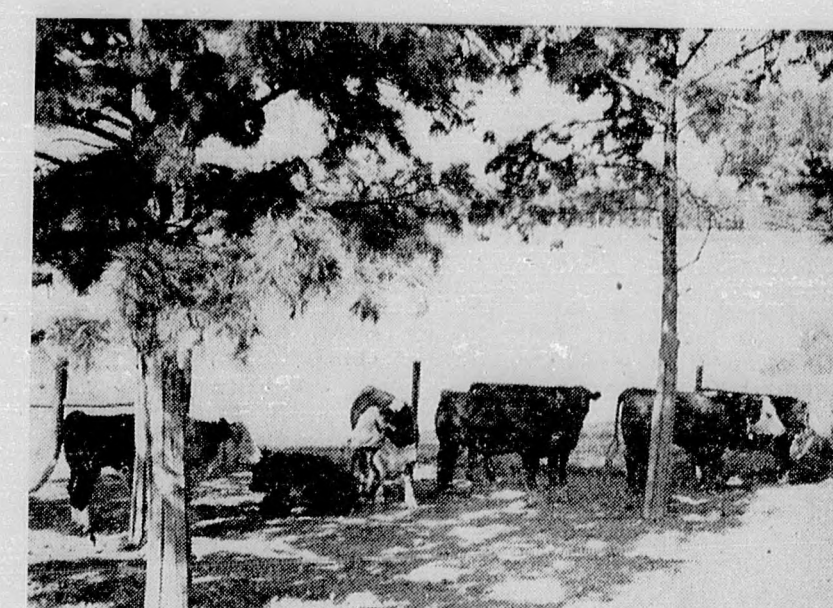
THIS MONTH IN RURAL ALABAMA

SECTION OF -ELBA CLIPPER - ELBA, ALA.

Grade-Quality Important

Growers Find Beef Profits Hidden In Finished Animals

By
RAY CAVENDER, Meats Marketing Specialist
And **BOB FARQUHAR, Beef Cattle Specialist**
Auburn University Extension Service



PROPER SHADE—Thin calves can be made to look like these following a grazing and feeding program. The above steers were successfully finished during summer months in a properly shaded area.

ALABAMA beef cattle income in 1958

amounted to \$97 million.

We say this income could have been doubled without adding another cow to Alabama's cattle number. Failure to realize this additional income potential resulted from lack of a thorough understanding of grades,

weights, and qualities of slaughter cattle by our producers.

Therefore, a close look at this stage of Alabama's meat animal agriculture points out a real need for a clearer understanding of consumer preference by our producers before progress can be made in the future. And such an understanding should involve a knowledge of the grades and qualities of meat demanded by the consumers.

Since the cattle marketing structure is based on grades, there often exists extreme price differences among the various grades of slaughter cattle. Past studies show that 82 percent of the calves marketed in Alabama fall in the lower grades of standard, utility, and cull. These grades do not produce steaks, roasts, and chops readily accepted by consumers at the retail meat counter. Low grade products lack the taste and appearance that appeal to homemakers who take pride in satisfying the appetites of their families.

For these reasons, much of the lower grade cattle is shipped to feed lots for more finish. And the meat from those animals slaughtered is used in luncheon meats, sausages, and canned meats where grinding and packaging add appearance and spices add flavor. These products do not demand the better prices

that steaks and roasts of good and choice grades enjoy. Therefore, producers of poor quality cattle are penalized on the live market.

Poor Breeding And Finish

Research and observations on Alabama cattle markets point up two factors that contribute to low grading of cattle. These are poor breeding and lack of finish, both of which contribute to poor quality. Although cattlemen have made considerable progress in improving the quality of their animals through better breeding practices in recent years, we must not lose sight of the importance of quality and the need for superior breeding stock in our commercial cattle operations.

It appears that much of our present quality problem stems from lack of weight and proper finish on our slaughter cattle. In addition, many of our calves are marketed as lightweight, lower grade calves can be grown out and fattened under Alabama conditions. These findings indicate that by carrying these cattle longer on grazing and through a dry-lot feeding period, an additional \$45 to \$70 can be expected above all feed costs.

For a long time now, Alabama cattlemen have subsidized the cattle income of the mid-

western feeders by allowing these lightweight calves to leave the state. The cost of production has been absorbed by calf producers in this state, and the profit made from feeding to heavier weights has gone to out-of-state feeders. It should be pointed out here that these lightweight calves merely have a vacation in some corn belt producer's feed lot and then are returned to our state all fattened, slick, and pretty to be slaughtered by an Alabama packer and sold in the retail meat store in your home town.

It is quite obvious that homemakers fancy this finished beef, and the demand locally is supported by Alabama meat packers, some of whom report that as much as 96 percent of the finished beef used in supplying their wholesale and retail trade is shipped into the state.

Supply Local Demand

Alabama farmers should start now planning a system of cattle feeding to take advantage of the local demand for higher finished cattle. Present calf prices may seem adequate. Still, people who study trends in cattle prices as related to numbers feel that the future demand for calves by feeders and for replacements may not continue too long. If this is true, then many Alabama-produced calves will require some finish to obtain the grade and quality necessary to make cattle production profitable and, at the same time, satisfy local market and consumer demands.

Give your beef production unit some serious thought. We have and are convinced that the income can be doubled.

POOR ORIGINAL

Improper Handling In Transit

Bruises Take Big Bite Out Of Livestock Dollar

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LIVESTOCK losses from bruising, crippling, and death cost you money. In fact, every time you sell livestock such costs are deducted from your check—not as a direct charge but in lower prices for your livestock.

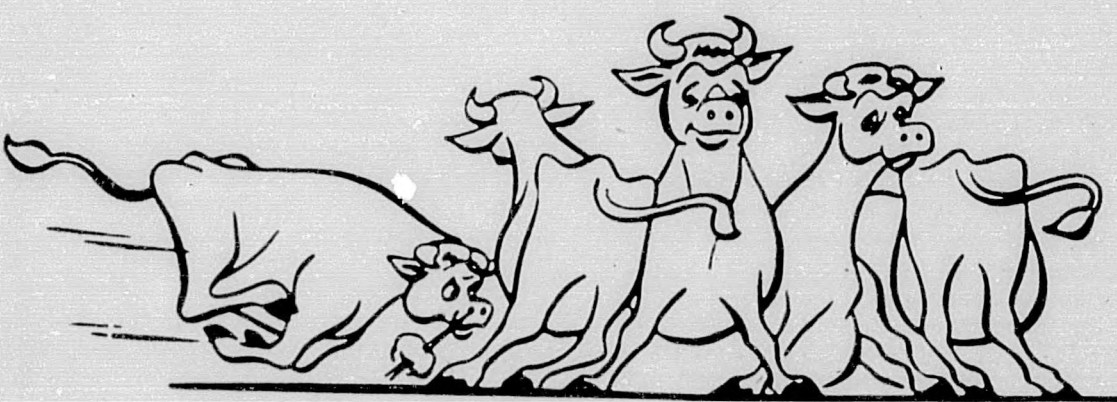
Recent estimates by Livestock Conservation, Inc., indicate that these losses amount to approximately \$50 million a year. That's more than a sixth of the total value of all the livestock and livestock products sold by Alabama farmers in 1958.

The sad part of these losses is that they are all unnecessary. It is a man-made, self-inflicted cost of marketing livestock. And remember, you and only you must pay the cost of these practices which cause wasteful losses. On the other hand, a knowledge of the causes will serve as a guide in their elimination.

The Causes
Improper handling and loading of livestock



Lifting By Wool



Crowding . . . Bumping . . . Rushing

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between the farm and the slaughter plant are the major causes of livestock losses. Generally, livestock do not make a practice of hurting themselves. They are assisted by their benefactor—man.

Most bruise losses in hogs are caused by rough handling during loading and unloading. In fact, almost two-thirds of the bruise losses occurring in hogs are caused by canes, whips, clubs, kicks, and prods to hurry the animals along. Overcrowding and protruding nails take a toll, too.

More than three-fourths of the bruise losses found in cattle are the direct result of improper loading and unloading techniques. Rushing and crowding cattle cause trampling and bumping. All of these result in carcass bruises.

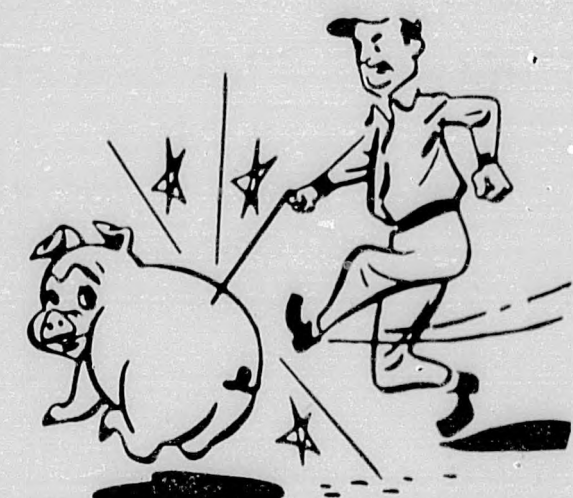
All species of livestock are sensitive and relatively easy to bruise and damage, but none are more sensitive than sheep. Rough handling, lifting by the wool, and inadequate loading and unloading facilities are the major factors responsible for most bruise losses in sheep. Mixed loads of sheep and other species of livestock result in severe bruises.

Like bruises, losses from death and crippling result from poor handling procedures. Improper bedding and overcrowding are the major causes but unpartitioned hauling of mixed loads adds to the toll.

Where Bruises, etc., Occur

Bruise losses are especially expensive because most of them occur in the highest price cuts. And trimming these cuts not only reduces the value of the meat because of the weight trimmed but also usually reduces the value of the entire cut.

In hogs, almost 50 percent of all bruise losses occurs in the hams and loins. Back and



Kicking and Prodding

shoulder bruises account for most other losses. So every time you kick a hog in the ham, you are kicking yourself in the pocketbook. Cattle bruises are most prevalent in the higher price cuts, too. More than 50 percent of bruise losses found in cattle carcasses are on the rumps, rounds, and hips. These, too, are costly trims.

The Prevention

The old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," fits the situation well in the handling of livestock. And at the same time, a little prevention can add dollars to your livestock income.

A few simple practices will eliminate most of the expensive and wasteful losses. And most of them are simply humane. First, don't use whips, canes, and prods to load livestock. If you need some device, use canvass "slappers." They sting and make noise but do not bruise.

Don't kick animals. The next time you have the irresistible urge to kick one, take off your shoe. That's a sure cure.

Don't mix loads of livestock without adequate partitioning. That is, separate horned cattle from non-horned, separate one species from another, and separate cattle from calves.

Load livestock with care and don't rush and overcrowd them. Have a heart; give them adequate ventilation, bedding, and space during transit.

And who can give you more information on these and other ways of reducing livestock losses? Your county agent, of course. See him about these and other farm operations.

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Sales Drive Increases Use of Eggs

Special promotional campaigns by retail food chains to spur movement of eggs into consumption channels during the past summer increased sales by as much as 300 percent in one instance, the National Association of Food Chains reported this week.

The 300 percent gain was registered by one company through means of placing an egg cooler box at each checkout counter so that eggs were the last item seen by the customer. The campaigns were conducted at the request of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange, the Poultry and Egg National Board, and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Fertilizer

This giant of modern farming promises to provide even greater production benefits as a greater number of farmers are using plant food more efficiently. Crop experts base predictions of continued record-level production on expected increase in corn plantings and a growing need to offset cost-price squeeze through greater yields per acre.

The spectacular rise in use of nitrogen coincides with the tremendous up-surge in crop yields. USDA figures show that since 1956 the trend in crop yields has gone up 35 percent, while nitrogen use is up about 40 percent. From 1945 yields are up 50 percent; nitrogen is up 300 percent.

Go South, Young Man

The northern region gained leadership in the last century because it had the three basic ingredients needed for the steel age—limestone, iron ore, and water. Now the South can expect to pull industrial leadership away from the North because we have the three basic necessities for the syn-

thetic age—sulphur, hydro carbons in gas and oil, and water. Out of these three essentials come thousands of chemicals, plastics, and synthetics. The manufacture of these will demand thousands of new factories with enormously expanded payrolls.

For many years one of our greatest southern exports was people, and people of talent at that. Because of lack of opportunity at home, they took their abilities and educations and left to help build up other areas. This situation is being reversed in Alabama. More of our educated youth are staying home because they are finding outlets for their ambitions and talents.

Last year 308,000 students registered in secondary schools of Alabama . . . in strong contrast with the 70,000 in our high schools 25 years ago. More Alabama students are going to college, and most important, more are coming back home for their careers.

Expanding Meat Consumption

One of the most encouraging aspects of Alabama farming is the fact that people are eating more beef and other meats. In 1939 the per person consumption of all red meats (beef, pork, veal, and lamb) totaled 133 pounds. By 1949 this had increased to 144 pounds. Today we are eating an average of 157 pounds per person. Beef consumption amounted to only 56 pounds per person in 1951. It jumped to 85 pounds per person—an all time high—in 1956.

It looks like beef has more elasticity of demand than some other meats. Were it not for the great popularity of beef we might have seen a further decline in cattle prices from 1952 to 1956 than we did.

Consumer Education Specialist Says

Homemakers Should Study Needs Before Shopping For Family Groceries

MANY grocery stores carry over 6,000 items.

Among these are a number of products that can be classified as service items, points out Extension Consumer Education Specialist Dorothy Overbey.

"You can buy a fresh chicken, potatoes, and a vegetable, cook them at home, and serve your family a chicken dinner," she says. "Or you can buy a frozen carton which will contain the same items. You just heat and eat it. In one instance you bought the food, in the other you bought food and service."

The question facing many homemakers is whether or not to buy these built-in services. According to Miss Overbey, the answer usually depends upon the individual family situation. She suggests some guides to help arrive at an answer:

Is there a choice? Some marketing services have become so firmly accepted that

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the homemaker no longer has a choice. "A good example is carrots," says the specialist. "When was the last time you bought carrots with the tops attached?" French fried potatoes are another matter. Here the homemaker has the choice of buying the service or not.

What does the service cost? It may take careful checking to determine the exact cost of the service being bought. In many instances it is surprising to find that the service costs little or nothing. It may be even cheaper, as in the case of topless carrots and frozen orange juice. "It may surprise you as it did me to find out that buying tea in bags instead of bulk is one of the more costly services," says Miss Overbey. "If you find that the service food does cost more money, then you need to decide if the service is worth the cost."

ITEMS from the EDITOR'S DESK

by Roudell Byrd

Social Security

BACK in December I stated in this column that non-farm, self-employed persons must pay social security tax but that farmers have a choice. I am happy to correct that statement as follows:

Self-employed people must report their net earnings for social security purposes. However, self-employed

farmers have a choice in the method of figuring their net earnings. They may use their actual net earnings or an amount figured under an "optional" method.

If you would like to have details of the two methods, please contact your local social security office or write to Mr. Douglass M. Richard, manager of the Montgomery Social Security District Office, Montgomery, Ala.



BYRD

Shoes To Cost More

The outlook for agriculture isn't so good this year. Retail food prices are expected to be a little lower than in 1959. This, of course, will be due to lower prices to farmers for some important food commodities, such as meat animals. And prices for durable goods including furniture, household equipment, and housing will be up. Little change in the cost of wearing apparel is expected except in the cost of footwear which will be up some five percent.

For Healthier Pigs

G. B. Phillips, Extension hog production specialist, tells me that legumes, in general, make better grazing for swine than grasses. Wise use of such forage cuts the protein supplement bill, reduces the total feed bill, helps control parasites, and makes healthier pigs.

Strictly For Hunters

During the fall and winter seasons when many rounds of ammunition are fired through your favorite gun, "leading" in the barrel is usually seen just beyond the chamber. This buildup of lead looks like thin stripes running down the barrel and a bristle brush often falls to remove the coating.

Should this happen to you, follow Fish and Wildlife Specialist Earl Kennamer's advice and coat the inside of the barrel with blue (mercurial) ointment for a day or so. You can then clean out the material with a tight patch. Always clean, oil, and grease the barrel after such a treatment.

Cottonseed Supply

The supply of cottonseed for this spring's plantings is not so good; however, if you hurry you should find an adequate supply of high-germinating, good quality seed for your needs.

Late shoppers will be the ones caught in the squeeze, ending up with lower germinating seed.

It's Later Than You Think

Don't forget to send in those soil samples today. Although this is a late hour, near the end of this month and early in March the laboratory will be flooded with samples. Then you'll have to wait for test results. And it could be later than you think.

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POOR ORIGINAL

Rain Makers Should Check Equipment

Consider Irrigation Needs And Potential



Cotton Under Irrigation In Madison County

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WILL irrigation pay on my farm? More people ask me that question than any other. It's a tough one, too, because the answer depends on so many things. Only a few of these are water source, type of land, labor supply, and kind of crops.

The fact that more farmers now seek an answer points to an ever increasing interest in irrigation as a means of reaching higher yields of better quality products. Ten years ago it was hard to find a farmer who used irrigation on a field-size basis. Now it is a fairly common sight along our highways. And within another few years, many more thousands of acres of high potential crops in the state will be put under irrigation.

Although irrigation is no cure-all, it does remove one of Alabama's big farming hazards—drought. And this is extremely important. Just look at what has happened in recent years and as far back as weather records have been kept.

Shortage of Rain

Alabama's average rainfall during the growing season—March to September—is about 30 inches. Of this amount, approximately 15 inches runs off the land because of the high rainfall intensity. The remain-

ing 15 inches soaks into the ground. This is about 15 inches short of the 28-inch total that is needed by the average plant from seedling stage to maturity if it is to make good growth.

Farming-wise, the moisture shortage during the March to September period added to our normally dry falls make Alabama, which is usually thought of as humid, more like a semi-arid area. Equally hard on farming are the numerous dry spells that seem to come at the wrong time. According to U. S. Weather Bureau records, Alabama has had four weeks or longer with less than one inch of rain 92 times in the past 50 years. During 133 periods of the same 50 years, we were without an inch of rain for three weeks or longer.

Therefore, it isn't surprising that more farmers are analyzing their irrigation possibilities. They correctly figure that an investment to provide water when and where it is needed will pay off in a big way.

When irrigation fits a farm from every standpoint—land, water supply, labor, potential crops, management—and the owner can finance a system, it will be profitable. On the other hand, some farmers who do not have sufficient labor or the right set up have been wise to do without irrigation.

Irrigation Costs

How much does it cost to supply water on our farmlands?

The initial investment in irrigation systems varies from \$40 to \$200 per acre depending on the shape of the field, differences in elevations, type of water supply, distance of water from the field and other factors. Usually the larger the acreage under irrigation, the lower the cost per acre.

After a farmer has purchased his irrigation equipment, it will probably cost from \$1.50 to \$4.75 for every inch of water put on an acre. This total operation expense—which includes labor, fuels, oil, interest on investment, and depreciation—usually runs about \$25 per acre each year.

This may seem like a lot of money, but consider it in the light of the returns it will bring. In an experiment at Auburn, 18 different vegetables irrigated for a 14-year period showed an average yield increase of 35 percent due to irrigation. This increase meant \$122 net profit per acre annually over that of unirrigated truck crops after all irrigation costs were deducted.

Dairy farmers, as well as truck crop growers, can profit by using irrigation. Test re-

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Claude Buchanan Jr. and Agent R. O. Magnuson View Results

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Wildlife Corner

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Light Your Way

MOST of us take a flashlight for granted on trips involving darkness. Yet that flashlight is your most valuable possession. On spring and summer fishing trips, it helps you avoid stepping on snakes or puncturing your boat on rocks and snags. And in winter when you enter deer woods early and leave late, it's at least mental protection against a shot from a trigger-happy hunter. It's your safety against dropping into a stump hole and breaking a leg or stumbling over roots and logs. It's your guide at night on a weak trail out of strange country. And when camping, it's your eye for finding firewood. Play it safe and keep a good flashlight handy.

Winter Fishing

On a recent hunting trip my son and I decided to take time out for fishing when the winter chill took a turn for the best. My thermometer registered a water temperature of 60 degrees F. And within five minutes my boy had caught two four-pound bass on a wounded minnow!

Proper Gun Care

The character of a gun is its barrel. If its inner surface is pitted or rusted, it won't shoot true or give good patterns. And now that you're ready to put up your gun for the season, give it proper protection. Scrub out any lead fouling with a bristle brush. Coat the barrel interior with solvent

and after a few hours, wipe outside of barrel with oily rag and coat with grease. If the stock is unvarnished, rub in a couple of coats of raw linseed oil. Put only a drop of oil (do not squirt) on each moving part. Too much oil will gum the works. If your rifle has a leather sling, wash with saddle soap, or rub a small amount of neat-foot oil into the leather. Don't pack your gun in a bag—metal needs airing in a dry place. And don't plug the barrel with an oily cloth.

Release Hammer Spring

Incidentally, I always fire the hammers on my guns when I put them away. I see no reason to keep the springs compressed until next season. Constant tension will weaken them.

Light For Night Fishing

If you do much overnight camping or trotline fishing, invest in a gasoline mantle lantern. Until a year or so ago, white gas was a scarce item, even in towns. But now one brand of white gasoline is available everywhere. And used properly, the gasoline lantern is perfectly safe. But always take along extra mantles.

Prevent Rabies

By the way, don't forget to inoculate your dog against rabies again this year. It's effective, safe, and good protection. And if your dog isn't worth inoculating, he's not worth keeping!

IRRIGATION (Continued from page 4)

sults show that cows on irrigated pastures had a 43 percent increase in milk production and a 40 percent increase in grazing days per acre over their production on an unirrigated pasture.

Cotton yields through the years have increased from approximately 1,000 pounds of seed cotton per acre to 1,100 pounds due to irrigation. For several years, many farmers have produced up to two and one-half bales of cotton per acre under irrigation.

Corn increases due to irrigation have reached 40 to 50 bushels per acre. Alfalfa under irrigation generally provides about six cuttings of hay per year. And coastal bermuda will yield eight to 10 tons of good hay per acre when irrigated.

I want to emphasize that these are averages from observations made in both dry and wet years. During extremely dry years, irrigation can mean the difference between a bumper crop and a total crop failure.

Who Can Irrigate?

Generally speaking, any farmer who has an adequate supply of water is in a position to irrigate. Streams seem to offer the best possibility for water in most of the state. Before any irrigation system is purchased, however, streams should be checked for quantity during the driest part of the year.

Farm ponds are becoming more important as a source of irrigation water. Farmers should keep in mind, however, that an average pond will lose about 12 feet of actual water each year through evaporation and seepage. Ponds that are primarily planned for irrigation purposes should be fed by a strong spring or drainage from an extremely

FEBRUARY GARDEN CHART

Vegetables	Varieties
Peas, English	Thomas Laxton
	Telephone
	Little Marvel
	Wando
Potatoes, Irish	Bliss Triumph
	Cobbler
	Sebago
Cabbage	Charleston Wakefield
	Round Dutch
	Savoy (curled)
Lettuce	Imperial 847
Mustard	Southern Giant (curled)
	Ostrich Plume
Tendergreens	Tendergreen
Turnips	Purple Top
Broccoli	Green Sprouting
Beets	Crook's Egyptian
	Detroit Dark Red
Carrots	Red Cored Chantenay
Radishes	Scarlet Globe
	Iceberg
Onions	Bermuda (sweet)
	Nest Onions (hot)

large drainage area. Then the ponds can catch a maximum of water from any summer rains that occur.

Deep wells that are eight inches in diameter or larger are popular in areas with a sufficient amount of underground water. These areas include the Tennessee Valley, the Lower Coastal Plain, and part of the Black Belt.

THE WAY I SEE IT...



by Dr. E. T. York, Jr. - Director
Auburn University Extension Service

It seems that we have reached somewhat of a crossroads in cotton production in Alabama. We are faced with the possibility of either losing a good part of our present more than one hundred million dollar income from cotton or of increasing our cotton income by almost the same amount.

Planting Fewer Acres. Cotton acreage has been dropping steadily in Alabama since the late thirties. In fact, we planted 61 percent fewer acres and produced 40 percent fewer bales during the past five-year period than during the comparable period twenty years ago.

If this trend continues, we could essentially be out of the cotton business in another 20 years. Are we content to let this happen? Or perhaps we should ask if there is anything we can do to prevent it from happening.

Yield Is Reason. The major reason for this declining cotton acreage in recent years has been our low average yield and our correspondingly low return per acre. During the past 20 years, our cotton yields have increased about 100 pounds of lint per acre to an average of slightly more than 400 pounds. During this same period, California yields have increased around 500 pounds to an average of better than 1,000 pounds.

With current prices and the high cost of production, there is little profit in growing cotton at the 300 to 400 pound level at which our average farmer has been operating during the past 20 years. There is still less profit (or greater loss) for the many farmers producing below this average. Consequently, much cotton has gone unplanted and has been reassigned to western growers.

Numerous studies have shown that with yields of 650 to 750 pounds of lint, we in Alabama can produce cotton as cheaply as our competitors in the West.

Increase Yield. Can we expect to produce yields 50 to 75 percent higher than our present state average? The best answer is to say that this is already being done year after year by our better farmers. Reports indicate that some counties averaged better than one and one-fourth bales per acre in 1959. A 4-H Club boy in Madison County produced 1,340 pounds of lint per acre. Research workers in experiments at Auburn have produced yields of about four bales per acre for several years.

Obviously, we have the know-how and resources to do this job. And as I see it, our problem is now two-fold:

First, we must try to get every possible allotted acre planted. In 1959, 165,000 acres of our state allotment went unplanted. This represented a loss of some twenty-five million dollars income to the state.

Second, we must make the highest possible return from each planted acre. This means high yields and low unit cost of production.

By producing the yields we are capable of growing on all of our allotted acres, Alabama farmers could easily add another one hundred million dollars to their total income next year. Everyone—farmer and businessman alike—stands to benefit by this program. Let's all get behind this effort and take full advantage of this challenging opportunity.

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POOR ORIGINAL

Dale Farmer Moves Forward

Switches From "Shade Tree" Farrowing To Modern Pens With Pig Saving Devices

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SHADE tree hog production has nothing in common with the modern farrowing house and its individual pens and built-in pig savers.

Gaston Blankenship of Newville Rt. 2 in Dale County says so, and he should know because he has tried both methods. Points out Blankenship, "I've been raising pigs under that Chinaberry tree for years and I know the problems you have there."

The Bertha community farmer, who raises cotton, peanuts, and a few cows, has been producing hogs all along, but not until last summer did he switch to individual farrowing pens, heat lamps, corner brooders, and the like.

"Before, when I had a sow ready to farrow, I fastened her up in my old rail-fenced pen under the Chinaberry tree and let nature do the rest. Didn't have too much trouble except in the winter time—you know, that old rail fence just won't stop cold wind from coming through."

Guess Blankenship realized that little pigs have their thermostats disconnected when they are born and the old sow can't hover over the litter like a hen can her "biddies." Too, the "tree roof" over his farrowing pen wouldn't keep much of the cold rain off the little porkers, especially during winter when the tree sheds its leaves.

And I reckon sitting out there in the middle of a cold, rainy night taking care of the sow during farrowing wasn't as comfortable as a feather bed and six quilts. Don't blame him if he just rolled over and hoped for the best.

But it's different down on the Blankenship farm now. A new six-pen farrowing house

takes the chill off things. It all started last summer when the energetic farmer built a new combination farm machinery shed and corn crib. While he was at it he added a lean-to shed on one side to house the farrowing pens. With electricity added and sun porches extending from each farrowing pen, Blankenship's sows and pigs live in class.

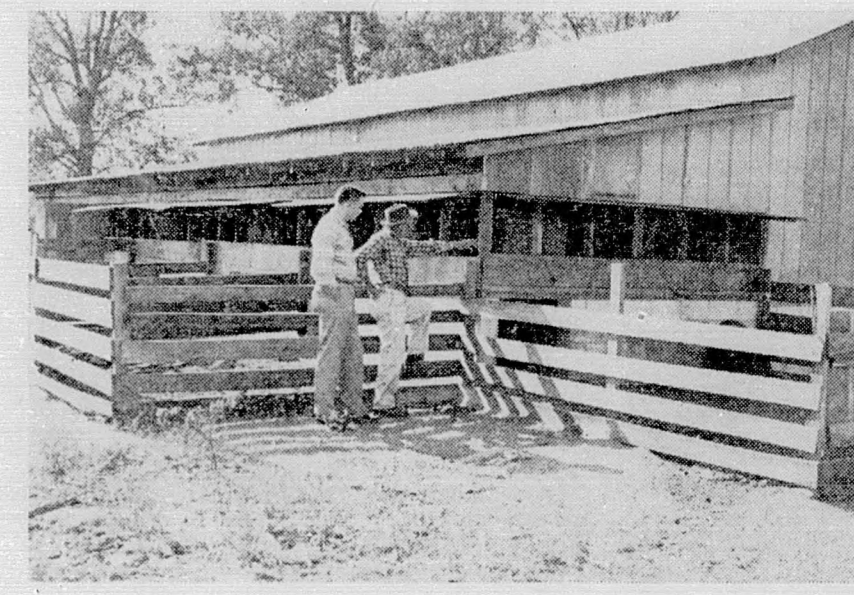
And when he has to spend most of a night in the farrowing house cleaning and placing the newborn pigs under heat lamps, he doesn't mind because the bitter grip of Old Man Winter is shut outside.

Glancing down Blankenship's hog records I noticed he is using purebred Durocs crossed with a purebred Poland China boar. According to research findings and farmer experience, this is good. Crossbreeds are more vigorous and faster-growing animals, thus pulling the market in a little closer. Too, four of his sows had farrowed in the new facilities and he saved nine out of every 10 pigs born. Said he would have saved all of them but at that time he didn't have all his equipment installed.

The pigs and their mothers are introduced to an ungathered field of corn when the baby pigs are three weeks old. Here green-feeders filled with pig starter are available for the young porkers and containers of supplement and minerals plus salt are before the animals at all times. Then, when the pigs are eight weeks old, the sows are moved to an oat field or other such green grazing area where they are bred and fed the proper rations to insure another good pig crop.

The little pigs are left in the corn field to make hogs of themselves as they eat their way to market.

There's self-satisfaction and profit in the hog business, if you'll cut down the old Chinaberry tree.



NEW FARROWING FACILITIES—Here Agent Tew (left) and Blankenship look over new farrowing facilities built last summer on the Blankenship farm. The six-unit farrowing house is equipped with corner brooders, heat lamps, and feeding facilities.

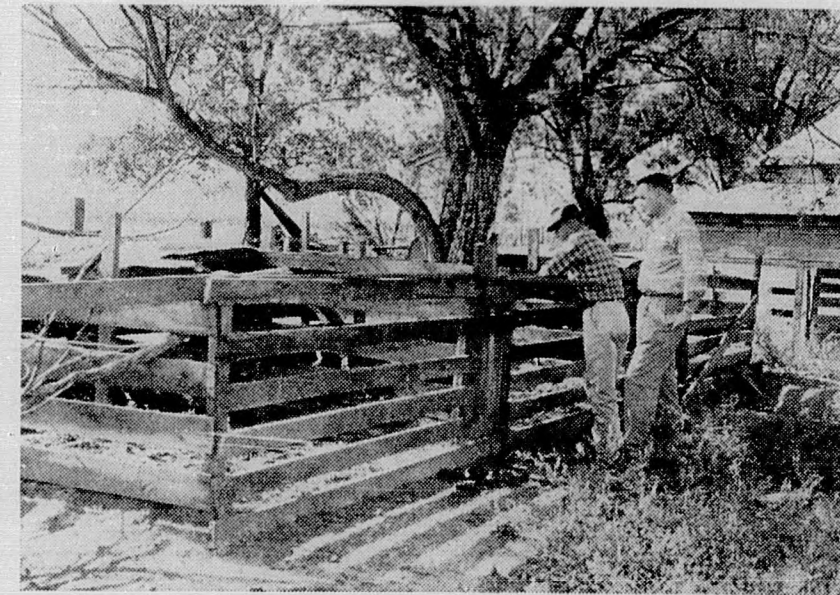
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HUNTING ACCIDENTS

ABOUT two-thirds of all hunting accidents can be traced to three causes: humans in the line of fire, mistaking humans for game, and careless handling of firearms, which includes hunting with the safety catch off.



INSIDE LOOK—This inside look gives you an idea of Gaston Blankenship's farrowing facilities. Six of these individual pens make up the farrowing house. Each pen has a sun porch for the sow to move on to when the weather is comfortable outside. The entire area is concreted for easy cleaning. Too, a thorough disinfecting of the pens prevents spreading of disease when another sow is brought in to farrow. Blankenship (left) tells former Assistant Agent Kenneth Tew that he is saving nine out of 10 born pigs with the new setup.



SHADE TREE METHOD—Here Blankenship (left) and Tew view the old farrowing equipment Blankenship used before building his new farrowing house. Blankenship says he wouldn't recommend raising pigs under a Chinaberry tree if you want to keep up with modern times. You have got to save those pigs if you want to make a profit.

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For More And Better Pasture

Plant Coastal Bermuda For Grazing And Hay Crops

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Clover-Grass Grazing Good Combination

COASTAL bermuda, properly used, can help make Alabama a great "pasture state."

Alabama farmers are now producing only about two-thirds of the hay needed for the present livestock numbers. Coastal bermuda managed for best production can supply the hay needed for these animals and enough extra to furnish the feed for an expanding beef cattle industry, too.

Farmers in the state now have an estimated 115,000 acres planted in coastal bermuda. Starting in 1951 with only 2500 acres, the increase has not been phenomenal, but it has been steady from year to year. Most of the acreage is planted in the southern half of the state. Yet, you find some acreage in every county. Our state goal is 400,000 acres.

The fact that coastal bermuda is propagated by sprigs has retarded the spread of the grass. Too, many farmers associate the name bermuda with a pest in row crop land—namely common bermuda. On the other hand, people who have given coastal a trial run say that it is the best grass available for hay and grazing on the well drained, droughty upland soils in the state. This includes most of the upland soils except the Black Belt area.

Coastal overseeded with crimson clover and vetch provides excellent grazing for brood sows and fall-dropped calves. Calf gains of 350 to 450 pounds per acre are not uncommon. This means that calves weighing 150 to 200 pounds placed on crimson or

vetch-coastal bermuda combination along with their dams in March can be sold off pasture and milk in June or early July weighing 550 to 600 pounds per calf. Too, from market time of the calves until late fall, coastal will provide adequate grazing for the brood cows.

After the calves are sold, some farmers cut their cows off part of the area and topdress with nitrogen. Then they harvest enough hay for winter feeding. Hay yields of four to six tons per acre are common.

Crimson and coastal furnish good quality grazing for dairy cattle until about the middle of July. After mid-summer, lactating dairy animals on coastal bermuda begin to drop in production. However, in Experiment Station findings cows on dallis and bahia grass pastures also decline in production during the same period.

Here are examples of well-pleased coastal bermuda growers in Alabama, as reported by county agents over the state.

Webb Ryan, one of Tuscaloosa County's most successful dairymen, was one of the first farmers in the county to plant this crop, according to French Snyers, assistant county agent. Ryan, an FHD farmer who is milking 85 cows at present, says that coastal has cut his feed bill at least \$1000 per year.

In Elmore County, Agent J. E. Morris states that dairyman T. G. Teel of Tallassee Rt. 1 has 54 acres of coastal on his farm which he uses for grazing and hay. From 16 acres he harvested 68 tons of hay, and the area also furnishes limited grazing for his dairy cows. Teel says that coastal is the most productive hay crop he has ever had on his farm.

County Agent Jack Bolling of Macon County points out that one of his coastal bermuda demonstrators produced an average of eight tons of hay per acre on 60 acres.

And according to Assistant County Agent Gene Sessions in Pike County, sprigs from a five-acre coastal bermuda nursery patch on J. C. Harden's farm have been used to expand his acreage to 65 in just five years. This acreage also furnished about three-fourths of the grazing for 125 cows during the past year. In addition to the grazing provided for the animals, the FHD farmer harvested 80 tons of good hay.

For detailed information on growing coastal bermuda, see your county agent. And while you're there, ask him for Extension Circular 476—Coastal Bermuda For Hay and Grazing.

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

MANY Alabama farmers are denying their families future social security benefits because of their failure to file social security tax returns. This statement was made by Douglass M. Richard, manager of the Montgomery Social Security district office.

Farmers who have a net income of \$400 or more must file federal income tax returns by April 15th. Social security taxes must be paid along with any income taxes which may be due. Richard pointed out that many farmers think that they are not required to make a return if their exemptions would mean that no income tax is due.

Late income tax returns may be filed or assessed at any time. However, there is a time limit during which social security credits may be established. For example, returns filed after April 15, 1960 cannot be used to establish social security credits for years before 1957 if the taxpayer uses the normal calendar year method of record keeping.

Richard suggests that those self-employed farmers who have failed to file proper returns do so at once. Failure to do this could result in a substantial loss of benefits. Filing of returns and payment of taxes come under jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service and tax returns as well as remittances should be mailed to that office. If information regarding social security coverage is desired, contact your local social security office.

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Coastal Bermuda Overseeded With Clover Provides Excellent Grazing This Month In Rural Alabama



PLAYGROUND COMPLETED.—Boys and girls in the Kinsey community of Houston County have plenty of playground equipment in their city park now. Responsible for the project were the members of the Kinsey Home Demonstration Club who held hot dog suppers and a small bazaar to raise money for the project.

Kinsey HD Club Members

Tackle Community Improvement Projects

EACH year Alabama's home demonstration club women select worthwhile club projects to work on throughout the year. And in most cases a project is chosen to benefit the entire community.

Take the Kinsey Home Demonstration Club in Houston County for an example. Their project in 1959 was playground equipment which was purchased and placed in the Kinsey town park where all community families have access to it.

At their February meeting a year ago three members of the club were appointed as a committee to study the needs of the youth in the community. And when the committee recommended the playground equipment project, all club members heartily agreed.

Several of the ladies met with city councilmen, reported on their proposed plans, and were pleased with the council's immediate agreement to help with the project. Under the supervision of one of the club ladies, the councilmen met at the park and built frames for pouring two cement picnic tables and benches. The cost of the tables and benches including the cement came to \$40.

Men from Kinsey's two churches and one of the councilmen took new and used materials and built two swing sets—three swings to each set, a monkey bar, and a seesaw. After the job was completed, club members painted the new equipment.

Sharing in the expenses, the city council paid for half the cost of installing a string of electric lights, and the home demonstration club paid the other half. One of the councilmen did the wiring.

The total cost of the project came to \$113.52—only about one-third the cost of first-class, factory-made equipment. And this equipment is equally as good as factory-made products, insist the ladies.

Community-wide cooperation was necessary for the project to be successful. As a victory supper or appreciation dinner for all who participated, members from throughout the community brought covered dishes and joined in a community park supper.

Kinsey's youth have one of the most modern playgrounds in the area and they're thankful to the home demonstration club for starting the project.



KINSEY LEADERS PLAN.—Here members of the Kinsey Home Demonstration Club plan future activities including the completion of a basketball court at the city park. Left to right are Mrs. H. D. Turner, Mrs. R. L. Grice, Mrs. Cherry Gary, Mrs. L. A. Roney, Mrs. Pat Raley, and Mrs. Woodrow Armstrong, all club members except Mrs. Gary who is assistant home agent.

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RESEARCH RESULTS

from
Auburn University Agricultural
Experiment Station

BUTTERFAT CHANGES. Butterfat percentage of milk changed when cows were fed certain rations in Auburn tests. Feeding low quality roughage increased butterfat test and decreased milk production. Feeding some pelleted concentrates or stale bakery products produced milk with lower fat test, but milk volume was not affected. This was not true for all pellets.

SPLIT FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS. Split applications of fertilizers to potatoes on a light-textured soil increases yields. Over a three-year period, dividing the annual rate of 2500 pounds of fertilizer into three applications increased yields from 110 to 207 bushels per acre. Increases resulted from dividing nitrogen, potash, and phosphorus, in that order.

LAND CLEARING. Cost of clearing land with a D-7 tractor and conventional dozer blade averaged \$60.09 per acre. This compares with \$36.71 when a D-7 tractor was used with a KG blade (angle blade with cutting edge parallel to ground and protruding point for splitting large trees). Clearing tests were done in Cherokee County on level land with a relatively light cover of small hardwood and pine trees. Costs included all machine operating and fixed costs, labor, diesel fuel used in burning trees and brush, and disk harrowing of cleared land.

TRACTOR SIZES. Farms of the same size with similar cropping programs in the same area usually have about the same size tractors. However, it was learned in a Tennessee Valley study that similar farms in different areas do not have tractors of the same size. This suggests that neighborhood custom may play a large part in determining size of tractor purchased. Some farmers might be able to reduce tractor investment by buying the size more nearly suited to their farming operations, rather than by following custom.

RETURNS FROM EGGS. Farmers managing commercial egg flocks under contract in northern Alabama estimated that their gross returns ranged between \$1 and \$1.25 per hen per year in 1958. Independents with commercial flocks producing at the same rate said their gross returns were \$2 per hen. Those not under contract assumed risks associated with ownership for the greater return.

TAX SAVINGS. A uniform taxable income is more desirable from the Federal income tax standpoint than one that is high one year and low the next. For example, present income tax on \$3,000 taxable incomes (gross income less business expenses, deductions, and exemptions) is \$500 figured on a joint return. On a taxable income of \$15,000, tax is \$3,620. If for two years taxable incomes were \$3,000 each year (average of \$3,000 and \$15,000), the tax would be \$1,940 each year. This amounts to \$3,880 in two years, as compared with \$4,220 tax with low income one year and high the next.

PINE SEED SOURCE. Weather conditions affected ripening of loblolly pine seed in 1959. Cones ripened earliest in areas where weather was clear and drying winds prevailed. Trees on well drained soils produced ripe cones earlier than trees on most other soils. Cones must be mature to produce good seed, and weather conditions must be considered if good seed are to be collected.

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